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## **Koretz: California Fights Discrimination while Bush Champions Injustice for Gay Couples & Their Children**

**Los Angeles** – Today Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) commented on the Governor's signing AB 2208 authored by Assemblymember Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) and sponsored by Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi and Equality California. Koretz is a principal coauthor of AB 2208 which prohibits insurers from writing policies in California that treat domestic partners differently than married spouses.

"Insurance discrimination puts California's gay and lesbian families at great risk by making vital health, life, auto, and other coverage unaffordable or unavailable. AB 2208 puts an end to harmful insurance discrimination and distinguishes California from President Bush who now champions the cause of injustice for gay and lesbian couples and their children," said Assemblyman Koretz.

Under current law, domestic partners can be denied eligibility for a wide range of insurance products and benefits that are offered to married spouses. In order to be covered by the provisions of AB 2208 domestic partners must be registered with the California Secretary of State.

"Gay and lesbian families consistently face discrimination in their every day interactions with government, business, and religious organizations. Thanks to the effective efforts of Assemblymember Kehoe, Equality California, and Commissioner Garamendi, California will remove insurance discrimination from the long list of injustices endured by gay families and take us one step closer to full equality for gay and lesbian couples," said Koretz.

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